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"And they cried, The Sword of the Lord, and of Gideon." Judges 7:20

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By the Editor

Northfield, Massachusetts, became a center of spiritual power because D. L. Moody called Christian workers from all over America there where he and Evangelists R. A. Torrey, John McNeill, A. J. Gordon, J. Wilbur Chapman, Len G. Broughton, A. C. Dixon, Major Whittle and others prepared people for revival. They taught how to win souls, how to preach for revivals, how to give an invitation, how to prepare the church, how to be filled with the Holy Spirit. They made evangelists, set preachers on fire, turned cold, formal, scholastic ministers into Spirit-filled firebrands for God.

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### Sword Conference on Evangelism, Chicago, November 21-28

Thanksgiving week, November 21-28, at the Chicago Gospel Tabernacle, 3100 N. Clark, Chicago. We plan what we believe will be the greatest conference on revival and soul winning in America in a generation. It will be sponsored by The Sword of the Lord, with the joint help of Chicago Christian Business men's Committee, the Chicago Gospel Tabernacle, and many pastors and churches of the Chicago area. Several auxiliary evening and Sunday afternoon services will be held in other centers. For example, Wheaton College, Pacific Garden Mission, Wheaton Bible Church, etc., will cooperate heartily. It will not be a "Bible Conference" with disconnected, fancy-tickling lectures on prophecy, with powerless and purposeless addresses by men who never led a great revival, never saw thousands saved. No, nor will it be an evangelistic campaign as

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## Christ's Call to Revival

"Repent . . . or else . . ."—Rev. 2:5, 16.

By REV. VANCE HAVNER

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Perhaps nothing is more cluttered with false notions and contradictory ideas than the matter of revival. More energy has been misdirected, more carts put before the horse, on this theme than on almost any other than engages our attention. A revival is not an evangelistic campaign. It is not a church paying out of debt or erecting a new building or putting on a stewardship campaign. These things may flow from a revival but they do not constitute one. A revival is not a drive for church members.

A revival is a work of God's Spirit among His own people. David prayed, "Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit. Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee." That is God's order and He has never changed it. A lot of so-called joy of the Lord is merely whipped-up emotion, leaving a lot of unconfessed sin and hidden iniquity. We have made convalescents of church members who need operations. We have tried to cure them with sunshine, leaving the focal infection untouched. Nathan did not tell David to play on his harp. He made him see himself to be a

sinner and ready to pray, "Create within me a clean heart."

Dr. G. Campbell Morgan divides his treatment of First Corinthians into two parts. He tells us that Paul dealt first with the carnalities, then with the spiritualities. Today we ignore sin in the midst and pass over the carnalities on the popular argument that we should never be negative but deal only with the positive. But there are churches that have accentuated the positive for years while the members have lived among the negatives. Men will not desire a physician until they know they are sick and they will not seek a closer walk with God as long as they are content to get along without it.

There is, however, a wrong emphasis in preaching on revival. Sometimes it has created the impression that revival is a spurt of religious enthusiasm which it is not possible to live up to the year round. As a matter of fact, what we call revival is simply New Testament Christianity, the saints getting back to normal.

Most Christians have been subnormal so long that when they become normal they are thought to be abnormal! A boy and girl had danced all night in a foul and

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## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION FROM SIN

By DR. W. B. RILEY,

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"If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."—1 John 1:8, 9.

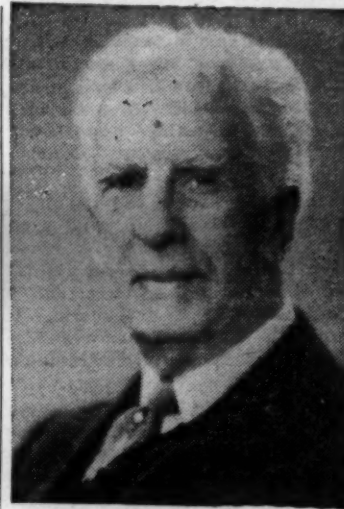
One of the methods of the Holy Spirit is to use the most trite sentences for the saving of the soul. "But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are

not, to bring to nought things that are: That no flesh should glory in his presence" (1 Cor. 1:27-29).

It was apparently a weak, trite, and well-worn speech, made by a very humble minister of the gospel, that let in the light upon the way of salvation for me. As I listened to him, he said, "I know that I am saved, and the ground of my confidence is this—that Jesus Christ came not to call the righteous but sinners to repentance." I was a sinner, and seeing that He came to call me, I responded, and His promise is, "Him that cometh unto me, I will in no wise cast out" (John 6:37). I had listened to a hundred, yea, hundreds of sermons by this same man, but the Holy Spirit took that trite speech and employed it to show me the way of life.

I do not know that the most learned and eloquent address would so clearly set before us the way of salvation as do these two or three sentences. The best of us are sinners. Salvation must come to you, as it came to me, through recognizing that fact, through seeing that Jesus is Saviour, through coming to Him as such, and claiming His promise that He will in no wise cast you out.

The veriest saint of God is only a sinner saved. It is a good deal as Victor Hugo, in *Les Miserables*, says of the Vicar of D——, the beautiful, kindly minister of the gospel, that "he smilingly described himself as an 'ex-sinner,' and so he had none of the inaccessibility of a rigorist, and boldly



Dr. W. B. Riley

professed, even under the frowning eyes of the ferociously virtuous, his temptations and weaknesses."

No man has the right to be playing the role of superiority because he is saved, for it is not by the good works that he has done but by the grace of God; for, as our text says, "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us."

Trusting that we are in agreement touching the fact that nature never made a saint, I want to speak to you this evening on the great theme of this text, namely, "Confession and Absolution From Sin."

The first thing suggested by the text is:

### The Sense of Sin

The apostle here commiserates (Continued on Page 2)

## MOTHERHOOD

By BILLY SUNDAY

"Take this child away and nurse it for me, and I will give thee thy wages."—Exod 2:9.

The story of Moses is one of the most beautiful and fascinating in all the world. It takes a hold on us and never for an instant does it lose its interest, for it is so graphically told that once heard it is never forgotten.

I have often imagined the anxiety with which that child was born, for he came into the world with the sentence of death hanging over him. Pharaoh had decreed that the male children should die, and the mother defied even the command of the king and determined that the child should live. So right from the beginning the battle of right against might was fought at the cradle.

Moses' mother was a slave. She had to work in the brickyards or labor in the field, but God was on her side and she won, as the mother always wins with God on her side. Before going to work she had to choose some hiding place for her child. She put his little sister, Miriam, on guard while she kept herself from being seen by the soldiers of Pharaoh, who were seeking everywhere to murder the Jewish male children.

**Hidden Three Months**  
For three months she kept him

hidden, possibly finding a new hiding place every few days. It is hard to imagine anything more difficult than to hide a healthy, growing baby, and the baby Moses was hidden for three months.

Now he had grown larger and more full of life and a more secure hiding place had to be found. I can imagine this mother giving up her rest and sleep to prepare an ark for the saving of her child.

I believe the plan must have

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Billy Sunday

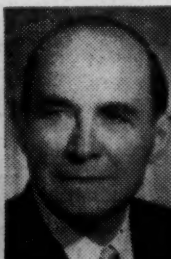
## Hear These in Chicago, Nov. 21-28



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## Confession and Absolution From Sin

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the man who has no sense of sin as self-deceived, saying, "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves"; and immediately passes on to condemn such a man as in defiance to God, for "if we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us" (1 John 1:10).

The conviction of sin, therefore, is the first step toward salvation. Mark you a conviction of sin, not of sins!

Some men are convicted of their sins, of the specific violations of law, and want to be saved from that. They drink, but they want to be sober; they gamble, but they want to get an honest living; they indulge themselves in lust, but they want to rise to an atmosphere of pure love; they are profane, but they want to speak a saner language; they have lied or cheated, and trouble has come in consequence, and they would like to cease their lying and cheating and escape the sad effects thereof. Convicted of sins!

One confessed to me the other day his besetting sin, and said, "Oh, if I could only be saved from this, I would be all right!" But it is not the specific that is the trouble; it is the generic. It is not the single act, or even the iron habit; it is the heart back of the habit.

James taught the very same thing when he said, "Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet water and bitter? Can the fig tree, my brethren, bear olive berries? either a vine, figs? so can no fountain both yield salt water and fresh" (James 3:11, 12).

Purify the fountain of life, if you would improve conduct. The heart must be cleansed before the character can be Christ-like.

### Publican's Idea Right

The publican had the right idea when he prayed, "God be merciful to me a sinner." He never

thought of saying, "Help me to be temperate or sober." He knew that he needed something better than that, or deeper; namely, the salvation from all sin and the first step toward that salvation is to be convicted.

A man in Chicago who had been guilty of every sin in the catalogue, and had finally come to the point where he had purchased a pistol, intending to kill his wife and babies, told me that before he had executed his thought, there came over him such an overwhelming sense of sin that he left the house and threw himself upon the ground to beg for pardon, and he said, "I did not think of my drunkenness. I did not think so much of my vile language. I did not think so much of my neglect of family and cruelty toward them, as I did of the fact that I was a grievous sinner before God and was compelled to cry as David, 'Against thee, thee only have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight'" (Psa. 51:4). If you have been supposing that you could drop off this evil habit and that, and thereby become a Christian, you have made a mistake.

The thorn tree remains a thorn tree still, even though you cut every thorn from its body and branches, and never in the world will it bear figs for you; and a sinner who has merely ceased from his evil habits, but has not been changed in nature, is a sinner still and unsaved, for "neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire" (Matt. 7:18, 19).

It is essential also to see the sinfulness of sin. Paul, writing to the Romans, said, "But sin, that it might appear sin, working death in me by that which is good; that sin by the commandment might become exceeding sinful" (7:13). And this exceeding sinfulness is what we need to feel.

Spurgeon says, "When Paul wanted to use the very worst word that he could find to call sin by, he called it by its own name, and reiterated it, 'Sin . . . exceeding sinful.'"

For, although you may call sin black, there is no moral excellence in black or white. Although you may call sin deadly, death in itself hath no evil in it compared with sin. But, if you want a word, you must come home for it. Sin must be named after itself. If you describe it, you must speak of it as Paul did—"exceeding sinful." It is rebellion against God. It is the highest treason in the world. It is the most dreadful violation of the most righteous cause. It is the most damnable and condemning, and yet men do not feel so.

Some years ago in a mission in Chicago, I came upon an old fellow who was between sixty and seventy years of age, who had lived a most wretched life, and who was a dirty, degraded, despised hobo. I expected to find him in tears, but to my surprise, when I asked him if he did not feel that he was a sinner, he replied, "Yes, sir; I believe I am the boss sinner of the whole city of Chicago." And there are not a few like him—men who take real pleasure in the fact that they are sinners; who pride themselves on being "boss" sinners, and all such are a million miles removed from the salvation that is in Christ Jesus. For the man who has no sense of sin, there is no salvation proffered.

It is the sense of sin that convinces of the necessity of salvation from it. And one must be convinced of that necessity. That is the reason that Paul reasoned before Felix of "righteousness, temperance, and judgment to come," and wanted him to see that he must be saved from sin or fall before judgment; and that is why the work of the Holy Spirit is to convict of sin and of righteousness and of judgment, of sin because they believe not on Christ; of righteousness because the Christ who went to the

Father made it possible; and of judgment because the prince of this world is judged, and all his emissaries will fall with him.

Be it known, therefore, that we must put away sin by the power of Jesus Christ or perish on account of its retention.

In New York City, in the new Harlem district, there was a certain house in which every resident, after a brief period, became suddenly and mysteriously ill. When two or three people had died in it, a thorough examination of the property was made to see where the difficulty lay, and it was found that this house was built on what was known as "made ground." The sunken lot had been filled up with refuse—dumpings brought from various parts of the city—and when this discovery was known, the owner of the house was told that he must tear it down, removing the refuse clear down to the good soil, and laying his foundation there, build afresh.

And so, no half work will do in dealing with sin. The last vestige of it must be removed, and the life in which it has accomplished its evil results must be regenerated by the Holy Ghost. "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."

### Confession Essential

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins." Mark you, "If we confess our sins"—not the sins of other people, but our own! There are some sinners—and they are not all out of the church of God—who are adept at confessing other people's sins. But the text says, "If we confess our sins," and my opinion is that the man who does that will find himself busy enough. It is a rule that the people who have the most to say about the sins of other folks are most afflicted with their own sins, and it was to this class that Jesus said, "Why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye? Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me pull out the mote out of thine eye; and, behold, a beam is in thine own eye? Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then thou shalt see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye" (Matt. 7:3-5).

The sainted Gordon said, "Covering sin is allowable, if only the sin is another's," not ours. He that covereth his sins shall not prosper, but charity covereth a multitude of sins, faults, and flaws, and imperfections in others. Cover other people's sins; confess your own. It does seem that tattlers could find scandal enough in their own hearts to keep their tongues busy confessing to the Lord. Strange, isn't it, that we see our own sins with such soft eyes, and look on the slightest imperfection in others with such hard vision!

Judah was ready, you will remember, to have Tamar, his daughter-in-law, burned at the stake, because she had gone wrong; but when she showed him his signet, the bracelets and the staff which he had given her in exchange for her virtue, he immediately nullified his judgment and let her off easily, and never seemed to imagine for a moment that he himself deserved the flames.

"If we confess our sins," our sins, mark you!

To be sure, this confession should be sincerely made. Pharaoh said, "I have sinned." But it was while Moses was stretching forth his rod toward Heaven, and the Lord was causing it "to thunder, and hail, and the fire ran along upon the ground," and all Egypt was being smitten, for the hail and the fire were "very grievous, such as there was none like it in all the land of Egypt since it became a nation," and in the sight of his affliction, and in the hour of his fear, Pharaoh said, "I have sinned." But the moment the hail ceased and the lightnings were at an end, Pharaoh was as hard-hearted as ever.

There are many men who are expecting to make the statement, "I have sinned," a talisman to take them into Heaven when the

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been formulated in Heaven. I have often thought God must have been as much interested in that work as was the mother of Moses, for you cannot make me believe that an event so important as that and so far-reaching in its results ever happened by luck of by chance.

Possibly God whispered the plan to the mother when she went to Him in prayer and in her grief, because she was afraid the sword of Pharaoh would murder her child. And how carefully the material out of which the ark was made had to be selected! I think every twig was carefully scrutinized in order that nothing poor might get into its composition. And in the weaving of that ark, the mother's heart, her soul, her prayers, her tears, were interwoven.

### Children Should Be Guided

Oh, if you mothers would exercise as much care over the company your children keep, over the books they read and the places they go, there would not be so many girls feeding the red-light district, nor so many boys growing up to bad, criminal lives!

And with what thanksgiving she must have poured out her heart when at last the work was done and the ark was ready to carry its precious cargo—more precious than if it was to hold the crown jewels of Egypt. And I can imagine the last night that baby was in the home.

Probably some of you can remember when the last night came when baby was alive; you can remember the last night the coffin stayed, and the next day the pallbearers and the hearse came. The others may have slept soundly, but there was no sleep for you. And I can imagine there was no sleep for Moses' mother.

There are whips and tops and pieces of string

And shoes that no little feet ever wear;

There are bits of ribbon and broken wings

And tresses of golden hair.

There are dainty jackets that never are worn,

There are toys and models of ships;

There are books and pictures all faded and torn,

And marked by finger tips

Of dimpled hands that have fallen to dust—

Yet we strive to think that the Lord is just.

Yet a feeling of bitterness fills our souls;

Sometimes when we try to pray,

That the reaper has spared so many flowers

And taken ours away.

And we sometimes doubt if the Lord can know

How our riven hearts did love them so.

But we think of our dear ones dead,

Our children who never grow old,

And how they are waiting and watching for us

In the city with streets of gold.

And how they are safe through all the years

From sickness and want and war.

We thank the great God, with falling tears,

For the things in the cabinet drawer.

**Mother's Watchfulness**

Others in the house might have

end shall come, but not so, for such a sentence is not valuable when it is not sincere.

Years ago an old minister making his way through the woods in Canada heard the voice of a speaker, and pushing his way along a path which led to an open space in the woods, he found a young fellow standing upon a stump, speaking to an assembled crowd. He thought at first that he was preaching, but listening, he found that he was exploiting his infidelity, criticizing the Bible, and insulting God, and saying

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slept, but not a moment could she spare of the precious time allotted her with her little one. All through the night she must have prayed that God would shield and protect her baby, that He would bless the work she had done and the step she was about to take.

Some people often say to me: "I wonder what the angels do; how they employ their time?" I think I know what some of them did that night. You can bet they were not out to some bridge whist party. They guarded that house so carefully that not a soldier of old Pharaoh ever crossed the threshold. They saw to it that not one of them harmed that baby.

At dawn the mother must have kissed him good-by, placed him in the ark and hid him among the reeds and rushes. And with an aching heart and tear-dimmed eyes she turned back again to the field and back to the brick-yards to labor and wait to see what God would do. She had done her prayerful best. When you have done that, you can bank on it that God will not fail you. How easy it is for God to give the needed help—no matter how hopeless it might seem—if we only believe that with God all things are possible, no matter how improbable.

What unexpected answers the Lord would give to our prayers! She knew God would help her some way, but I don't think she ever dreamed that God would help her by sending Pharaoh's daughter to care for the child; but it was no harder for God to send the princess than it was to get the mother to prepare the ark. What was impossible from her standpoint was easy for God.

### Think Angels Helped

Pharaoh's daughter came down to the water to bathe, and the ark was discovered, just as God wanted it to be, and one of her maids was sent to fetch it. You often wonder what the angels are doing. I think some of the angels herded the crocodiles on the other side of the Nile to keep them from finding Moses and eating him up. You can bank on it that all Heaven was interested to see that not one hair of that baby's head was injured. There were not devils enough in Hell to pull one hair out of its head. You may be sure the angels were not out to some bridge party then! God had something for them to do.

The ark was brought, and with feminine curiosity the daughter of Pharaoh had to look into it to see what was there. When they removed the cover there was lying a strong, healthy baby boy, kicking up its heels and sucking its thumbs, as probably most of us did when we were boys, and probably as you did when you were a girl. The baby looks up and weeps, and those tears blotted out all that was against it and gave it a chance for its life. I don't know, but I think an angel stood there and pinched it to

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make it cry, for it cried at the right time.

Just as God plans, God always does things at the right time. Give God a chance; He may seem a little slow at times, but He will always get around in time.

## Baby's Tears Jewels

The tears of that baby were the jewels with which Israel was ransomed from Egyptian bondage. The princess had a woman's heart, and when a woman's heart and a baby's tears meet, something happens that gives the Devil cold feet. Perhaps the princess had a baby who had died, and the sight of Moses may have torn the wound open and made it bleed afresh. But she had a woman's heart and that made her forget she was the daughter of Pharaoh. She was determined to give protection to that baby. Faithful Miriam (the Lord be praised for her) saw the heart of the princess reflected in her face. Miriam had studied faces so much that she could read the princess' heart as plainly as if written in an open book, and she said to her: "Shall I go and get one of the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" And the princess said, "Go."

## How God Does Things

I see her little feet and legs fly as she runs down the hot, dusty road. Her mother must have seen her coming a mile away, and she ran to meet her own baby, put back into her arms, and she was being paid Egyptian gold to take care of her own baby.

See how the Lord does things. "Now, you take this child and nurse it for me, and I will pay you your wages." It was a joke on Pharaoh's daughter, paying Moses' mother for doing what she wanted to do more than anything else—nurse her own baby.

How quickly the mother was paid for these long hours of anxiety and alarm and grief. And if the angels know what is going on, what a hilarious time there must have been in Heaven when they saw Moses and Miriam back at home under the protection of the daughter of Pharaoh! I imagine she dropped on her knees and poured out her heart to God, who had helped her so gloriously.

## What She Said

She must have said: "Well, Lord, I knew you would help me. I knew you would take care of my baby when I made the ark and put him in it and put it in the water, but I never dreamed that you would put him back into my arms to take care of, so I would not have to work and slave in the field and make brick and be tortured almost to death by fear that the soldiers of Pharaoh would find my baby and kill him. I never thought you would soften the stony heart of Pharaoh and make him pay me for what I would rather do more than anything else in this world." I expect to meet Moses' mother in Heaven, and I am going to ask her how much old Pharaoh had to pay her for the job. I think that is one of the best jokes—that old sinner having to pay the mother for taking care of her own baby! But, I tell you, if you give God a chance, He will fill your heart to overflowing. Just give Him a chance.

## A Plucky Mother

This mother had remarkable pluck. Everything was against her, but she would not give up. Her heart never failed. She made as brave a fight as any man ever made at the sound of cannon or the roar of musketry. Mothers are always brave when the safety of their children is concerned.

This incident happened out west last summer. A mother was working in a garden and her little one was sitting under a tree in the yard playing. The mother heard the child scream; she ran, and a huge snake was wrapping its coils about the baby. As its head swung around, she leaped and grabbed it by the neck, tore it from her baby and hurled it against a tree. She is always brave when the safety of her children is concerned.

## Fathers Give Up

Fathers often give up. The old

man often goes to boozing, becomes dissipated, takes a dose of poison and commits suicide; but the mother will stand by the home and keep the little band together if she has to manicure her fingernails over a washboard to do it. If men had half as much grit as the women, there would be different stories written about a good many homes. Look at her work! It is the greatest in the world; in its far-reaching importance it is transcendentally above everything in the universe—her task in molding hearts and lives and shaping character. If you want to find greatness, don't go toward the throne; go to the cradle, and the nearer you get to the cradle, the nearer to greatness.

Now when Jesus wanted to give His disciples an impressive object lesson, He called in a college professor, did He? Not much. He brought in a little child and said: "Except ye . . . become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven."

## Work So Important

The work is so important that God will not trust anybody with it but a mother. The launching of a boy or girl to live for Christ is greater work than to launch a battleship.

Moses was a chosen vessel of the Lord and God wanted him to get the right kind of a start, so He gave him a good mother. There wasn't a college professor in all Egypt that God would trust with that baby. So He put the child back in its mother's arms. He knew the best one on earth to trust with that baby was its own mother.

When God sends us great men, He wants to have them get the right kind of a start. So He sees to it that they have a good mother. Most any old stick will do for a daddy. God is particular about the mothers.

## Good Mothers Needed

And so the great need of this country or any other country is good mothers, and I believe we have more good mothers in America than any other nation on earth. If Washington's mother had been like Happy Hooligan's mother, Washington would have been a Happy Hooligan.

Somebody has said, "God could not be everywhere, so He gave us mothers." Now there may be no poetry in it, but it is true, that "the hand that rocks the cradle rules the world," and if every cradle were rocked by a good mother, the world would be full of good men as sure as you breathe. If every boy and every girl today had a good mother, the saloons and disreputable houses would go out of business tomorrow.

A young man one time joined a church and the preacher asked him: "What was it I said that induced you to be a Christian?" Said the young man: "Nothing that I have ever heard you say, but it is the way my mother lived." I tell you, an ounce of example outweighs forty million tons of theory and speculation. If the mothers would live as they should, we preachers would have little to do. Keep the Devil out of the boys and girls and he will get out of the world. The old sinners will die off if we keep the young ones clean.

The biggest place in the world is that which is being filled by the people who are closely in touch with youth. Being a king, an emperor or a president is mighty small potatoes compared to being a mother or the teacher of children, whether in a public school or in a Sunday School. They fill places so great that there is not an angel in Heaven that would not be glad to give a bushel of diamonds to boot to come down here and take their places.

Commanding an army is little more than sweeping a street or pounding an anvil compared with the training of a boy or girl. The mother of Moses did more for the world than all the kings that Egypt ever had. To teach a child to love truth and hate a lie, to love purity and hate vice, is greater than inventing a flying

machine that will take you to the moon before breakfast. Unconsciously you set in motion influences that will damn or bless the old universe and bring new worlds out of chaos and transform them to God.

A man sent a friend of mine some crystals from the Scientific American and said: "One of these crystals as large as a pin point will give a distinguishable green hue to 116 hogsheads of water." Think of it! Power enough in an atom to tincture 116 hogsheads of water.

## One Word May Blight Boy

There is power in a word or act to blight a boy, and through him, curse a community. There is power enough in a word to tincture the life of that child so it will become a power to lift the world to Jesus Christ. The mothers will put in motion influences that will either touch Heaven or Hell. Talk about greatness!

Oh, you wait until you reach the mountains of eternity, then read the mothers' names in God's Hall of Fame, and see what they have been in the world. Wait until you see God's Hall of Fame; you won't see any Ralph Waldo Emersons, but you will see women bent over the washtub.

I want to tell you women, fooling away your time, hugging and kissing a poodle dog, caressing a "Spitz," drinking society brandy mash and a cocktail, and playing cards, is mighty small business compared to molding the life of a child.

## Mother Gave Him Faith

Tell me, where did Moses get his faith? From his mother. Where did Moses get his backbone to say: "I won't be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter?" He got it from his mother. Where did Moses get the nerve to say, "Excuse me, please," to the pleasure of Egypt? He got it from his mother. You can bank on it he didn't inhale it from his dad. Many a boy would have turned out better if his old dad had died before the kid was born. You tell your boy to keep out of bad company. "Sometimes when he walks down the street with his father, he is in the worst company in town. His dad smokes, drinks and chews. I would not clean his old spittoon. Let the hog clean his own trough. Moses got it from his ma. He was learned in all the wisdom of Egypt, but that didn't give him the swelled head.

## Start Children Right

When God wants to throw a world out into space, He is not concerned about it. The first mile that world takes settles its course for eternity. When God throws a child out into the world, He is mighty anxious that he get a right start.

The Catholics are right when they say: "Give us the children until they are ten years old and we don't care who has them after that." The Catholics are not losing any sleep about losing men and women from their church membership. It is the only church that has ever shown us the only sensible way to reach the masses—that is, by getting hold of the children.

That is the only way on God's earth that you will ever solve the problem of reaching the masses. You get the boys and girls started right and the Devil will hang a crepe on his door, bank his fires, and Hell will be for rent before the Fourth of July.

A friend of mine has a little girl whom she was compelled to take to the hospital for an operation. They thought she would be frightened, but she said: "I don't care, if Mamma will be there to hold my hand."

They prepared her for the operation, led her into the room, put her on the table, put the cone over her face and saturated it with ether. She said, "Now, Mamma, take me by the hand and hold it and I'll not be afraid."

The mother stood there and held her hand. The operation was performed, and when she regained consciousness, they said: "Bessie, weren't you afraid when they put you on the table?" She replied, "No, Mamma stood there and held my hand. I wasn't afraid."

## Mother's Inspiration

There is a mighty power in a mother's hand. There is more power in a woman's hand than

there is in a king's scepter. And there is a mighty power in a mother's kiss—inspiration, courage, hope, ambition. One kiss made Benjamin West a painter, and the memory of it clung to him through life. One kiss will drive away the fear in the dark and make the little one brave. It will give strength where there is weakness.

I was in a town one day and saw a mother out with her boy, who had great steel braces on both legs, to his hips. When I got near enough to them I learned by their conversation that that wasn't the first time the mother had had him out for a walk. She had him out exercising so he would get use of his limbs. He was struggling. She smiled and said: "You are doing fine today; better than you did yesterday." She stooped and kissed him, and the kiss of encouragement made him work all the harder. She said: "You are doing great, son," and he said, "Mamma, I'm going to run. Look at me!" One of his toes caught on the steel brace on the other leg and he stumbled, but she caught him, kissed him, and said: "That was fine, Son; how well you did it!"

Now, he did it because his mother had encouraged him with a kiss. He didn't do it to show off. There is nothing that will help and inspire like a mother's kiss.

If we knew the baby fingers pressed against the window pane

Would be cold and still tomorrow, never trouble us again:

Would the bright eyes of our darling catch the frown upon our brow?

Let us gather up the sunbeams lying all around our path.

Let us keep the wheat and roses, casting out the thorns and chaff!

We shall find our sweetest comforts in the blessings of today.

With a patient hand removing all the briars from our way.

## World's Best Music

There is power in a mother's song, too. It's the best music the world ever heard. The best music in the world is like biscuits—it's the kind Mother makes. There is no brass band or pipe organ that can hold a candle to Mother's song. Calve, Melba, Nordica, Eames, Schumann-Heink—they are cheap skates compared to Mother. They can't sing at all.

They don't know the rudiments of the kind of music Mother sings. The kind she sings gets tangled up in your heartstrings. There would be a disappointment to me in the music of Heaven if there were no mothers there to sing. The song of an angel or a seraph would not have much charm for me. What would you care for an angel's song if there is no mother's song?

The song of a mother is sweeter than that ever sung by minstrel or written by poet. Talk about sonnets! You ought to hear the mother sing when her babe is on her breast, when her heart is filled with emotion! Her voice may not please an artist, but it will please anyone who has a heart in him. The songs that have moved the world are not the songs written by the great masters. The best music, in my judgment, is not the faultless rendition of these high-priced opera singers.

There is nothing in art that can put into melody the happiness which associations and memories bring. I think when we reach Heaven it will be found that some of the best songs we will sing there will be those we learned at Mother's knee.

## A Mother's Love

There is power in a mother's love. A mother's love must be like

God's love. How God could ever tell the world that He loved it without a mother's help has often puzzled me. If the devils in Hell ever turned pale, it was the day mother-love flamed up for the first time in a woman's heart. If the Devil ever got "cold feet" it was that day, in my judgment.

You know, a mother has to love her babe before he is born. Like God, she has to go into the shadows of the valley of death to bring him into the world. She will love her child, suffer for him. He can grow up and become vile, yet she will love him. Nothing will make her blame him. And I think, women, that one of the awful things in Hell will be that there will be no mother's love there. Nothing but black, bottomless, endless, eternal hate in Hell—no mother's love.

And though he creep through the vilest caves of sin, And crouch perhaps, with bleared and bloodshot eyes Under the hangman's rope—a mother's lips will kiss him in his last bed of disgrace, And love him e'en for what she hoped of him.

I thank God for what a mother's love has done for the world. Oh, there is power in a mother's trust! Surely as Moses was put in his mother's arms by the princess, so God put the babe in your arms, as a charge by Him to raise and care for.

## Trust From God

Every child is put in a mother's arms as a trust from God, and she has to answer to God for the way she deals with that child. No Mother on God's earth has any right to raise her children for pleasure. She has no right to send them to dancing school and haunts of sin. You have no right to do those things that will curse your children. That babe is put in your arms to train for the Lord. No mother has any more right to raise her children for pleasure than I have to pick your pockets or throw red pepper in your eyes. She has no more right to do that than a bank cashier has to rifle the vaults and take the savings of the people. One of the worst sins you can commit is to be unfaithful to your trust.

## Mother's Responsibility

"Take this child away and nurse it for me." That is all the business you have with it. That is a jewel that belongs to God and He (Continued on Page 4)

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**DR. JOE HENRY HANKINS**, eminent evangelist of Little Rock, Arkansas, whom Dr. Bob Shuler of Los Angeles called the outstanding evangelist of America, a mighty preacher who has held union revival campaigns in Fort Wayne, Indiana; Cleveland, Ohio; Bellingham, Washington; Los Angeles, etc. As one of the most

successful soul-winning pastors in America before he became a full-time evangelist, Dr. Hankins can tell how to organize and prepare church for revival better than any one we know.

**EVANGELIST WILLIAM H. RICE**, Bill was extension staff evangelist for Moody Bible Institute, made a phenomenal record. Colorful, Spirit-filled, powerful, this young evangelist, now winning thousands in many union campaigns, will be one of the most helpful speakers of the conference.

**DR. BOB JONES, JR.**, president Bob Jones University. This eminent Shakespearean scholar and orator and University president is a God-called and anointed evangelist. Many of us are urging him to take as many fifteen-day union campaigns as possible. A genuine soul winner, a moving speaker, a real asset. He will be one of the surprises of the conference.

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**MR. FRANK SHERIFF**, chairman of the Chicago Christian Business Men's Committee, responsible for the supervision of the Chicago Christian Service Men's Center which has won many thousands, will tell of soul winning among soldiers and give wise counsel and help throughout the conference.

**MR. HARRY SAULNIER**, superintendent of Pacific Garden Mission, dynamic soul winner, will tell you how thousands of souls were won last year in the famous mission where Billy Sunday and Mel Trotter were saved, and where the editor of THE SWORD OF THE LORD surrendered to preach.

**REV. CLARENCE ERICKSON** who succeeded Paul Rader as the pastor of the Chicago Gospel Tabernacle, has been wonderfully blessed of God in the management of this great soul-winning plant. He has great faith in God, is an evangelist of real power, has been used in a radio chain broadcast. Brother Erickson will help in many ways in the conference and will bless all of our hearts in the message or two we have asked him to bring.

**DR. JOHN R. RICE**, editor of THE SWORD OF THE LORD, will direct the conference, speak on soul winning, prayer, price of revival, the fullness of the Holy Spirit, etc.

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## Motherhood

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gives it to you to polish for Him so He can set it in a crown. Who knows but Judas became the godless, good-for-nothing wretch he was because he had a godless, good-for-nothing mother? Do you know? I don't.

Who is more to blame for the crowded prisons than mothers? Who is more to blame for the crowded, disreputable houses than you are, to let your children gad the streets with every Tom, Dick and Harry, or keep company with some little jack rabbit whose character would make a black mark on a piece of tar paper. I have talked with men in prisons who have damned their mothers to my face. Why? They blame their mothers for their being where they are.

"Take the child away and nurse it for me, and I will give thee thy wages." God pays in joy that is fireproof, famine-proof and Devil-proof. He will pay you, don't you worry. So get your name on God's payroll! "Take this child away and nurse it for me, and I will give thee thy wages."

If you haven't been doing that, then get your name on God's payroll. You have been drawing wages from the Devil. Why have you a bleary-eyed, sickly, cigarette-smoking boy? Why have you a girl whose reputation is kicked around like a football? Why? You

have been working for the Devil, and see what you have.

"Take this child away and nurse it for me, and I will give thee thy wages." Then your responsibility! It is so great that I do not see how any woman can fail to be a Christian and serve God. What do you think God will do if the mother fails? I stagger under it. What if, through your unfaithfulness, your boy becomes a curse and your daughter a blight? What if, through your neglect, that boy becomes a Judas, when he might have been a John or Paul?

Down in Cincinnati some years ago a mother went to the zoological garden and stood leaning over the bearpit, watching the bears and dropping crumbs and peanuts to them. In her arms she held her babe, a year and three months old. She was so interested in the bears that the baby wriggled itself out of her arms and she watched those huge monsters rip it to shreds. What a veritable hell it will be all through her life to know that her little one was lost through her own carelessness and neglect!

"Take this child away and nurse it for me, and I will give thee thy wages." Will you promise and covenant with God, and with me, and with one another, that from now on you will try, with God's help, to do better than you ever have done to raise your children for God?

**TINDLEY**, the greatest of all colored gospel singers, will be with us through the entire eight days. Not an entertainer, not a light-hearted singer of Negro spirituals, but rather a gospel soloist who sings with passion and tears and drama and power. You will never forget Tindley, assisted by his wife as he sings, "Nothing Better;" "Take Your Burden to the Lord and Leave It There," and "Let Jesus Fix It for You," written by his sainted father.

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**MERRILL DUNLOP**, famous pianist and organist, author of gospel songs, associate pastor of Chicago Gospel Tabernacle, will play the great organ or the grand piano, will present the Tabernacle band, the Tabernacle choir, the radio chorus.

We have invited other musicians from whom we have not heard. We will have a strong gospel song leader. We have invited Rev. George Bennard, the author of the most famous and best loved of all gospel songs, "The Old Rugged Cross," and hope he and Mrs. Bennard can be with us. What a blessing to hear his testimony and learn his wonderful songs. He knows the Lord!

### Make Hotel Reservations Early!

We urge all who plan to come to this Chicago conference Thanksgiving week, November 21-28, to make hotel reservations as early as possible. Next week, God willing, we will publish names of hotels accessible to the big Chicago Gospel Tabernacle, and rates. But any Chicago loop hotel is accessible by street car to the Tabernacle.

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### Pray for a Pentecost of Blessing

I plead that every reader will join us in earnest prayer. Pray for the planning and promotion of the conference, that we may reach thousands of Christian workers, that the great Tabernacle seating 2,800 may be filled again and again. Pray that the mighty power of God will move on the speakers and hearers until whatever confession of sin, whatever surrender of will, whatever boldness in prayer, whatever far-flung plans may please God, He will help us to do it! Oh, may thousands of Christian workers go back to their posts with the fullness of the Holy Spirit to start revival and to win souls! Pray that the thousands of dollars of expense may be provided.

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1. Write for free detailed printed program of the service morning, afternoon and evening.  
2. Write us to make for you hotel reservations, saying the maximum that you can pay per day, per room.  
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## Christ's Call to Revival

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fetid roadhouse. Early in the morning they walked out of the dance hall reeking with the smell of whisky, beer and tobacco. Outdoors, the girl suddenly sniffed and said, "What is that I smell?" "That's not a smell," the boy replied; "that's fresh air!" We have lived so long in the swamps of a low grade Christianity that the fresh air of the hills stuns us when we strike it.

Most revival sermons are preached from Old Testament texts — Second Chronicles seven, verses thirteen and fourteen, the revivals under Hezekiah or Ezra, or other portions. But one does not have to stay in the Old Testament to preach on revival. A preacher suggested to me sometime ago that there was nothing about revival in the New Testament. Certainly there is not much about it in the Acts. They didn't need a revival; they had a "vival," and there was no need of reviving. But as one moves on through the Book, he finds such words as, "It is high time to awake out of sleep," or, "stir up the gift of God that is within you." Perhaps the supreme call to revival is from the lips of our Lord Himself in the book of Revelation. The last word of our Lord to the church is not the Great Commission. The Great Commission is our marching orders. But the last word of Christ to the church is, "Repent." To five out of seven churches in Asia it was His message. Many churches today are not ready to carry out the Great Commission until first they repent.

In some quarters we hear much of the Christ of the Gospels. Where is a place for that, for He is not only our Saviour but our Example, and in the Gospels we see how He walked. We hear much of the crucified and risen Christ, and there we have the Gospel. We hear of the coming Christ, and there we have our hope and a mighty incentive to revival, for he that hath this hope purifieth himself and that is the essence of revival. His return is not a lullaby to put us to sleep but a reveille to wake us up! But we need also a vision of the glorified Christ among the candlesticks with His eyes as fire, His feet as brass and His voice as the sound of many waters; with seven stars in His right hand, a two-edged sword proceeding from His mouth and His countenance as the sun in his strength. The greatest preacher of revival is the glorified Christ of Revelation.

The church needs to face Christ. He is the issue; we must settle with Him. There is a lot of soft, sentimental talk about Him today that brings no conviction. When Isaiah saw the Lord, he did not feel comfortable! Neither did Habakkuk nor Daniel nor Paul nor John. We want a picture of Him today that does not disturb us, that smiles at sin and winks at iniquity.

I remember a man who told me he wanted to hear no Hell-fire sermons but rather about the meek and lowly Jesus. Yet the poor man did not seem to realize that the meek and lowly Jesus said more about Hell than is reported from the lips of anyone else in the Bible! We need a true and complete vision of God in His holiness and Christ in His glory that will bring us to repentance.

The great awakenings of the past have been accompanied by preaching against sin, conviction, repentance, godly sorrow, confession and forsaking of sin, restitution, return to first works, to the Scriptures and prayer and witnessing and godly living. We are willing to do anything but repent. In our great church gatherings you cannot get many "Amen's" on a call to repentance. Of course there are polite references to it occasionally but real repentance

that would put us all on our faces — from the top officials on down — would be awfully humiliating. Besides, we don't have time for a revival for our programs are all set up and if God wants to send revival He must do it in the week allotted to it; any other time it would upset the schedule.

Our Lord's message to the churches was . . . and is . . . "Repent—or else." It is revival or removal. Ephesus was LOVELESS; orthodox, busy, but loveless. Are we not guilty today? Jesus said, "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." What is the badge of discipleship? Stately buildings? Stained-glass windows? Robed choirs? Impressive statistics? Love!

Tertullian writes that it was said of the early Christians, "How those Christians love each other!" Today the world might sometimes be more inclined to say, "How those Christians hate each other!" We have left our sweetheart love for Christ, and when love for (Continued on Page 5)

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An amazing number of people are saved through reading THE SWORD OF THE LORD or through books or pamphlets which we publish, and write to tell us so. Here in the Sword of the Lord office we have gotten so accustomed to such letters that I fear we do not report them as we ought so the thousands of readers of THE SWORD OF THE LORD might rejoice with us.

Hundreds are saved each year through our literature and write to tell us so. In one year 835 people wrote that they had definitely accepted Christ as Saviour. We believe that for everyone who writes to tell us how he found Christ through our literature, a number of others made the blessed decision and trusted Christ for salvation but did not write a letter.

We are taking space this week to share with readers some of these wonderful letters telling of salvation. Read them, and then help us to get THE SWORD OF THE LORD and these soul-winning books and pamphlets into the hands of as many people as possible.

We will not give full name and address of this man, though we have the name and address.

## Catholic Saved Through Pamphlet, "All Have Sinned"

A few days ago we received in the mail the decision form from the editor's pamphlet, *All Have Sinned*. The statement accepting Christ was signed by a friend in Norfolk, Virginia. An accompanying letter said:

"Dear Brother Rice: I think because of your great literature on the truth is what helped me see that God gave me salvation this very day. I was a Catholic for eighteen years, but the Word of God made me see the truth and saved me before it was too late. I would be so happy to hear from you. May God bless you."

R. L. G.

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"I have just been home from the hospital after being there two weeks with typhoid fever. As I sat down to play the piano today I came across your booklet, 'What Must I Do to Be Saved?' quite by chance. I never remembered seeing it before and I don't know how it got here. It cleared up one thing that has thrown itself across my path.

My dad was a minister for eight years; now he has backslidden. I thought I was pretty well acquainted with the plan of

salvation, having seen Dad live a sincere, overcoming Christian life all through my childhood years. I have grown up to fear God and also, as you say, 'not wanting to claim Christ or to put my trust in Him until I had the "mysterious feeling." As a result, for the past two months I, to be honest with you, have prayed to be saved from my ignorance and sin, and because of my misconception of this phase of salvation, I have prayed for salvation and in truth I have been waiting for the 'feeling' so I could claim Christ for my Saviour. Now, I'm trusting Jesus for my salvation and I have the faith to believe I shall be saved.

Pray for me to let God be always the sole master of my life; pray for our family, my Dad who is backslidden. I thank God for your little booklet. My eyes have been opened by it."

Jack A. S.

Dugger, Ind.

## Editors' Brother Writes of Catholic Saved Through "What Must I Do to Be Saved" Booklet

Rev. Joe B. Rice, pastor of Cashion Place Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, writes: "Recently in a revival service a young Catholic woman heard me preach. I could not win her that night, but after the service I gave her one of the little books, 'What Must I Do to Be Saved?' The next night, after having read the book, she joyously confessed Christ as her Saviour..."

## Sword Article Leads Man to Win Brother to Christ

Early in the year the article, "Unsaved Brothers," by this editor, was published in THE SWORD OF THE LORD. It is a chapter in the book, *The Soul Winner's Fire*. William McDonald of Arden, North Carolina, writes telling how this article helped him to win his brother. He says:

"I am happy to send my letter for April and tell you of the many blessings that I have received from THE SWORD OF THE LORD. I have been receiving it since the first of this year, and, though I may be a young reader, I have learned much because of this weekly evangelistic paper.

"Having read Dr. Rice's article, 'Unsaved Brothers,' I wrote a letter to a brother in the navy who was unsaved. I asked him to think of Christ's blood which was shed for him. I urged him to accept the Lord Jesus as his Saviour. In a short time I received a letter from him saying that he had many temptations and had not accepted Christ. He asked for me to pray for him. This I did, and about two or three weeks later I received another letter from him stating that both he and his wife had accepted the Lord.

"I firmly believe that this article was a means which God had for my brother's being saved.

And thank you, Brother Rice, for this..."

\* (Available in book, *The Soul Winner's Fire*, 25c).

## Church Members Converted Through THE SWORD OF THE LORD

Below are samples of many letters we get telling how people who were nominal church members have learned how to be born again through THE SWORD OF THE LORD.

"... Brother Rice, I joined the church about three years before becoming a shut-in (arthritis invalid). I heard you on the radio while in Atlanta with Dr. Jesse Hendley. It was then that I started taking THE SWORD OF THE LORD. It wasn't long until I realized that I had never been saved. And I want to thank you, Brother Rice, that through your simple, plain teaching of the plan of salvation, I have accepted the Lord as my own personal Saviour..."

Grace Briscoe

Loganville, Georgia

"Have been reading THE SWORD OF THE LORD paper for over one year. Its sermons are the best I've ever heard. They advanced me from a church member to a Christian..."

Verne Weatherford,

St. Paul, Minnesota

## Cancer Victim Saved Through Sword; Now in Heaven

"I am writing to inform you of the passing away of my former husband. He was here visiting with the three children and I, in June. I was in the hospital at the time recuperating from a serious operation. He came also to discuss going back together again, as he has realized this past year the mistake of obtaining a divorce five years ago.

"Mr. W. was saved through your wonderful paper just one year ago. I was saved last January at a revival here in East Chicago. How I do thank God for salvation. Mr. W. had THE SWORD OF THE LORD sent to me..."

Mrs. S. W.

East Chicago, Indiana

## Others Saved Through Booklet, "What Must I Do to Be Saved?"

"... During your broadcasts from the Chicago Gospel Tabernacle radio program, the booklet, 'What Must I Do to Be Saved?' was offered and I sent for it. It led me into an understanding of how to trust Christ for salvation, and I have always been thankful for that booklet..."

Miss Elizabeth A. Lightle,

Kingman, Ind.

"... I was saved through your booklet, 'What Must I Do to Be Saved?' ... I never knew that question was asked in the Bible, but often wondered what God required of me to be saved. Thank God, He made it plain to me there, and ever since I have carried some of the little booklets with me. In witnessing to others I just hand them a booklet and tell them there is the question and the answer. Since I have been saved I can understand God's Word better, for I am like the blind man in John 9:25. One thing I know, that, whereas I was blind, now I see..."

Ralph A. Yager,

Dubuque, Iowa

"... This is not a Christian college and we have had the opportunity to witness here, but sometimes we do not make things clear for seekers, so your booklets, 'What Must I Do to Be Saved?' are just what we want. It was only last night that one other student found the Lord, mostly through your literature in those small booklets which we have been passing out."

Bob Johnson,

Washington, D. C.

"... I gave your pamphlet, 'What Must I Do to Be Saved?' to a fourteen-year-old boy that was mowing my lawn and talked with him. He read it and came back in two weeks and told me he was saved and had given the pamphlet to some of his unsaved friends to read..."

Mrs. W. W. Brunt,

Winston-Salem, N. C.

A missionary in S. E. Manitoba writes: "Last year there were about seven souls saved and I am almost positive that some were

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## Let's Support Buenos Aires Bible Institute



By the Editor

Readers of THE SWORD OF THE LORD have been blessed by the earnest, spiritual, Scriptural messages of Missionary Norman Lewis of Buenos Aires. He is a strong and godly young man who left a happy pastorate three years ago for the mission work in Buenos Aires. That great city is the gateway city of all South America, one of the two great cities of that southern continent. There in a modern city any one from America can get a job to support himself, and the missionary work is crying for more workers. Mr. Lewis writes:

"And what of children's work, such as ought to be done through orphanages like Dawn Home? At present not a single missionary is available for that work with 350 children. It is a work of measureless importance in moulding young lives for Christ. Most of the children in Dawn Home at present are cared for by unsaved, or Catholic helpers, simply because we have no Christian workers, and someone—even though miserably qualified (or unqualified), must dress and feed those needy youngsters."

Maybe God wants some reader to dedicate himself to such work.

We asked Brother Lewis to report on the Bible Institute of Buenos Aires and he writes as follows:

"Dear Brother Rice:

"I appreciate so much your good letter of August 17th and have always been grateful to God for the fellowship He has permitted us to have. I am also thankful that you have seen fit to use the messages I have sent you in the past, and this participation in your work has brought me great joy. However, I have had to discipline myself rigidly in the last couple of years, seeking to think and live in the Spanish language because it is the medium through which thousands and thousands of Christless souls in this part of the world can alone be reached with the gospel. This is God's call to me, and will doubtless demand practically the total of my time and energy. However, the warmth and friendliness of your invitation pulls at my heart and will be an encouragement to me to write for the SWORD if God permits.

"Let me tell you just a bit about the Buenos Aires Bible Institute: First, what we are not. We are not a sectarian or denominational institution. At present three groups—the Christian and Missionary Alliance, the Evangelical Union of South America, and the Conservative Baptists—are united in the direction and teaching of the Bible Institute. Our purpose is to offer any saved, evangelical young person an opportunity for real Bible training, applied in the crucible of practical soul-winning work, for our effort is to study the truth in our classes, then go and work it out in practical soul-winning effort: street meetings, child evangelism classes, etc.

"Another thing; we are not a seminary, that is to say, we do not study about the Bible. Our students are not taught philosophy, comparative religions, psychology, etc., at least, not as

such. We teach the Bible, preach the Bible, study the Bible, memorize the Bible, and practice the Bible. Our whole effort is concentrated in bringing students into vital, living contact with one Book in order to demonstrate its power in their own lives, and in the lives of men in every place and circumstance.

"We believe students ought to be self-supporting and self-sustaining in every practical way those terms can be applied. This is one of the hardest problems in missions in South America and perhaps throughout the world. We try to discourage the student in every way from believing he will have a 'job' as a result of coming to the Bible Institute. Our vision is that he should come with Paul's cry burning his soul: 'Woe is me if I preach not the gospel!'

"We believe that in our day the tendency of Bible schools is to have too much theoretic teaching, with too little actual soul-winning work. We remember that Christ demonstrated soul-winning to His disciples, then took them apart and taught them. Therefore we are constantly seeking new openings for soul winning and teaching. Street meetings, gospel preaching in halls, Sunday school work, child evangelism classes, tract distribution, and house-to-house visitation—these are methods in which we not only believe, but in which we desire to see our students engaged constantly.

"Our greatest expenses are in connection with the Bible Institute property, for it is necessary to have a good location in order to enable students to come to us daily from all parts of the city after their work has finished in the afternoon. This heavy property expense we cannot expect our students to carry. Neither can they buy gospel tents, amplifying systems, etc., which are such invaluable instruments in reaching the Christless masses.

"We invite correspondence from interested friends. We answer promptly and personally all letters received, as well as sending regular letters giving a sort of 'blow-by-blow' description of the battle here.

"In Calvary's bond,"

(Signed) Norman Lewis.

We hope that friends who have a burden for mission work in South America will earnestly consider this field. Churches or individuals who are interested in a thoroughly sound mission field bringing wonderful results for the money spent, should write Brother Norman Lewis for further instructions. The address is, Pampa 2975, Buenos Aires, Argentina. We feel that money used here will go much further for Christ than most mission funds.

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## Christ's Call to Revival

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Christ dies, love for each other, for the Bible, for souls, dies.

Again, the church at Sardis was LIFELESS. It had a name to be alive, mind you, but the Lord pronounced it dead. Our Lord does not always have the same name for us that we have for ourselves!

Laodicea was LUKEWARM. A little too hot to be cold and a little too cold to be hot... and don't forget that the Lord did not say He would spew them out for being too hot! He would even prefer that a man be on the wrong side of the fence than on the fence.

But His message ends with a positive note: "Behold, I stand at the door and knock." We apply that to sinners but it was spoken to the church, a self-sufficient church, with Christ on the outside.

"If ANY MAN open the door..." One man can start a revival. Someone has said that Christ is waiting not for a committee to pass a resolution but for one man to let Him in. Laodicea had everything but Jesus.

He comes in as guest and abides as host. "I will come in and sup with him and he with me." At Cana and with the Emmaus disciples, He was first the guest, then the host. Alas, in our homes we put Him in a picture on the wall but too often He is not the Head of the house. In our churches, we may put Him in stained-glass windows but never let Him in the door. We may carry His name on our lips but never crown Him in the throne-room of our hearts. The way to revival—in heart, home or church—is to open the door to Jesus.



## With the Evangelists

Reports From America's Outstanding Soul Winners

### 197 Definite Decisions in E. J. Daniel's Campaign, Williston, Florida

In a personal letter, Evangelist E. J. Daniels of Fairfield, Alabama, agrees to help in a simultaneous series of conferences on revival in eight cities, April 24-May 1, and in The Sword of the Lord Conference on Evangelism at Lake Louise, Toccoa, Georgia, next July 11-17. Brother Daniels is promised for about two months to the state of Minnesota for revival campaigns with his big tent, under the Minnesota Baptist Convention. Brother Daniels gives a brief report of two blessed campaigns as follows:

"Before closing, I must tell you about two recent victories: In the tent revival in Williston, Florida, God gave us 197 definite decisions, mostly adults saved, and to unite with the church. There were several hundred others for rededication of their lives. The tent was packed out every night. Last week I was in New York state in a modernistic Presbyterian Church. Despite this, God came down in power and saved souls. Most of the people said they could not remember the day anyone had been saved in the church. God gave us forty souls, among them a teacher in Columbia University, a member of medical staff of West Point, etc. Praise His Name!"

We are grateful for the blessed work Brother Daniels is doing. He is unselfishly doing all he can for revival, and though he has a fine paper of his own, FAITH OF OUR FATHERS (Fairfield, Alabama, price \$1 a year), he takes subscriptions for THE SWORD OF THE LORD regularly. We thank God for him. Evangelist Ray Cutchin in Blessed Revival, Rocky Mount, N. C. Evangelist Raymond Cutchin

belongs to us here at The Sword of the Lord. He gave up a fine insurance business at Portsmouth, Virginia, to come to The Sword of the Lord as sales manager. But the Lord burdened him to win souls and finally we gave him up to go to Bob Jones University to prepare for the work of an evangelist. He has grown in grace and experience wonderfully and has already won hundreds of souls.

We are glad to learn of a recent revival campaign in the Johnson Tabernacle Baptist Church near Rocky Mount, North Carolina, in which Brother Cutchin did the preaching. There were seventy-one who trusted Christ as Saviour and many, many rededications.

God willing, Brother Cutchin will graduate from Bob Jones University, Greenville, South Carolina, next spring, and is to be in the full-time work of an evangelist. We trust that he will be associated full-time with The Sword of the Lord. He is one of the most godly young men we have ever known, fervent in spirit, full of energy and zeal for God, an interesting and Spirit-filled Bible preacher. He will be available for evangelistic campaigns, God willing, next summer and we know there will be a big demand for his services.

### The Editors' Eight Days in Highland Park, Michigan

September 5-12 the editor spent in Highland Park Baptist Church, which is in the suburb of Detroit. This is one of the strongest, soundest churches in the Detroit area. With a membership of 1,665, the beloved pastor, Dr. Wm. Coltman, and his assistant, Rev. J. Albert Key, have a serious housing problem. The Sunday

School runs as high as 1,200 in attendance. Last Sunday morning three auditoriums were full; the main church auditorium packed with adults, the basement auditorium crowded with people listening over the loudspeaker, and the Junior church of children having separate services. We were happy to return here where four years ago God gave us a blessed revival campaign. Although it was Labor-day week, with many distractions, the pastor himself was away, God gave fine crowds and, we believe, a real revival in the hearts of His people.

Hearts were blessed by a really remarkable series of conversions to Christ. For example, a number of Catholics were saved. Thursday night when I preached "A Sermon From a Catholic Bible," one Catholic woman who had been deeply distressed, came out openly to claim Christ as Saviour. Sunday morning after the close of the service a young man, a Catholic, was introduced to me and in a few moments he very clearly and joyfully made his decision to accept Christ as Saviour. Sunday night after the closing message on "Missing God's Last Train for Heaven," a Catholic young woman came to tell me, "I want you to pray for my boy friend. He said this sermon really bowled him over, but he would not come. I would not come at the invitation because he would not come with me, but he was almost converted and I was really converted!" She stayed joyfully to talk and insisted that she had really clearly decided for Christ, trusting Him fully for forgiveness. She promised to come regularly to church, to read her Bible and to follow the Lord earnestly.

A good many old people were saved. Friday night a gray-haired grandmother came at the invitation to accept Christ. She told me she had never made a start before but definitely, penitently she accepted Christ. The same night a business man brought his aged father to Christ. He was a man probably sixty-five years old.

The last Sunday night a mature man and wife came to claim Christ. Their decision was straightforward and as simple, as that of children, seemingly without a doubt. A man brought his wife and I talked to her first and then discovered that he was waiting to tell me that he too came to accept Christ. After he had been taught very carefully in the inquiry room, he spoke to Pastor Key and said, "I own a grocery store. About forty per cent of my business is selling beer. That will have to go out now, won't it?" He was assured that if he would be true to Christ, he must not sell beer. What a wonderful way to shut beer out of grocery stores or to close taverns!

In the Friday night service a Jewess was saved. She was very fair, with blue eyes and brown hair.

People were saved in Sunday School, saved before and after the services. How I thank God that He can still save Jews, Catholics, old men and women and drunkards, as well as children and young people!

## Books for a Minister's Library

By the Editor

There are two tragedies which I have noted in preachers' libraries all over the country. First, many preachers have ordinary books that are of no special benefit; books either wrong or mediocre and powerless. All over the country preachers have books by Harry Emerson Fosdick and E. Stanley Jones, which have a definite tinge and taint away from the gospel of salvation by the blood and toward the social emphasis, the unbelief in the old verities. And other preachers have shelves full of books by modern authors but ordinary, uninspiring books that never transform a life and will not make a preacher into a powerful Christian or a strong preacher.

The other tragedy is that some

## Following an Illustrious Father

We have from two sources thrilling reports of the opening of Bob Jones University. With 2,711 students enrolled last year, the University expects to take care of 200 more this year. Dr. Jones, Sr., says, "We are crowded but everybody is happy." It is always a joy to hear of the many souls saved in this school which starts with a revival and usually wins practically every unsaved student in the first week of the new term!

Dr. Bob Jones, Jr., is now the active head of Bob Jones University and the good hand of God is upon him in wisdom and grace. Recently when I commended a prospective teacher to Dr. Jones, Jr., he said, "But is the man a soul winner?" If God required the deacons at Jerusalem to be "men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom" (Acts 6:3), why should not teachers of a Christian college be required to be Spirit-filled also, and soul winners like deacons Stephen, Philip, etc?

We rejoice in the strong hand of Dr. Jones as he follows his illustrious father in the presidency of Bob Jones University. But even more important, we believe the

of the great classic, really life-transforming books are omitted in these libraries.

Below, in answer to a young minister recently out of theological seminary, I have recommended some great and classic Christian books, along with some of my own, for which I do not claim as much, but which have been blessed of God in helping young preachers. These books should be in Christian homes and any reader would do well to keep the list and systematically set out to try to get them and read them and use them.

August 28, 1948.

Dear Brother McL—

Now you ask me to suggest books that a young preacher should buy. I will give you a list of good books that I think every young preacher would be wise to have and master, as fast as he can afford them.

### 1. Commentaries

I suggest Matthew Henry, a six-volume commentary on the whole Bible, a rich and blessed devotional commentary that has the very finest preaching help. It is true on inspiration, the blood, the new birth, etc. It does not have much help on the second coming, but it is one of the sweetest and richest, proven some two hundred years. It was a favorite of Spurgeon, of Truett, James M. Gray, and others. The price is \$22.50.

You mentioned the commentary, The Bible of the Expositor and the Evangelist by the late Dr. W. B. Riley. Here are some five hundred sermons by this great preacher, going all the way through the Bible. By all means if you can afford it, you ought to have it. The price is \$40.00. There are forty volumes and you would find a wealth of expository preaching, with evangelistic ap-

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These things are said without the knowledge of the young University president, but I know that he would want your prayers that he may be increasingly and tremendously used as a soul winner in large revivals.

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## Salvation Letters

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Woodridge, Man., Can.

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Mrs. O. A. Graham  
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## GOD'S CURE FOR ANXIOUS CARE

We have just received some encouraging reviews of our new book, **GOD'S CURE FOR ANXIOUS CARE**, which we feel our **SWORD OF THE LORD** readers will find of interest.

Dr. Faris D. Whitesell, professor at Northern Baptist Seminary, Chicago, writes: "This is a book for our times. The saints all need a full measure of the comfort of God. We believe that Satan is sifting the saints and seeking to wear them down as perhaps never before. How all Christians need to know how to trust the Lord fully with every detail of life, and how to appropriate the abundant provisions of His love and grace! This book teaches exactly that. Its chapters are: 'God's Cure for Anxious Care'; 'Never Alone; Never Forsaken'; 'Water for the Thirsty'; 'Power to the Faint'; 'A Widow, A Pot of Oil, and God'; 'I Thirst'; 'Affectionate Christians'; 'Sir, We Would See Jesus'; and 'I Will Love Thee, O Lord, My Strength.' Here is comfort and help for every believer.

The new issue of the Broadman Press publication, **Book Talks**, edited by John L. Hill, has come to hand. In it is a fine review of the same book. Dr. Hill says: "In these days of popular volumes promising the cure for anxiety and care, it is refreshing to find one which sets forth God's cure for such enemies of human happiness. Strange, isn't it, how people steer around the solid truth and go for plausible frauds? The title of this series of sermons is the subject of the first one in the collection. The other eight, however, bear in a general way upon the general theme, while the succeeding three deal specifically on the same subject. The author is so well and favorably known that the reader can anticipate the solid, biblical treatment of the themes, illumined by an experience of compassionate, tender ministry among people in need of the comfort of God—and he is not disappointed. The title sermon is possibly the best in the series, but we like also especially 'Water for the Thirsty,' 'Power to the Faint,' and 'A Widow, A Pot of Oil, and God.' A strong, reassuring, sustaining volume."

Another good report comes from **The Standard**, of August 20, 1948. The reviewer writes: "The author of these messages is widely known for his fearless rebuke of the sins of the age. In this series he is the tender shepherd pointing out the hopeful aspects of the Christian life and faith. Originally published in **THE SWORD OF THE LORD**, they will appeal to burdened and troubled souls who will find in them guidance to that bright outlook on life which every true Christian may claim by right of divine heritage."

This is the book which Dr. Robert G. Lee, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, called "a beautiful book, in content and workmanship." He adds, "It is an ideal gift book for it has within its pages an answer to the needs of all mankind. Comfort, inspiration, instruction—every chapter is filled with assurance, joy and victory. . . . Each message is worth the price of the book—a must book in everyone's library."

Dr. V. Raymond Edman of Wheaton College recommended it most highly, as did Dr. Bob Jones, Jr., President of Bob Jones University. Dr. Jones says it is "tender and comforting and at the same time Christ-centered and evangelistic. . . . I think this is the best collection of Dr. Rice's sermons in some time."

Soon it will be time to think of Christmas gifts. What better gift could there be than peace of mind for the distressed, comfort for the grieving, encouragement for the weary and disillusioned? In this book, read by a prayerful, obedient heart, are all those things for the Christian, and more. And for the lost the plan of salvation is made clear and plain and inviting.

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## Editor's Notes

### Radio Time Changed

I will be on radio WAIT, Chicago, 820 on your dial, each Sunday afternoon at 3:00 p.m. for the present. Time has been changed from 6:00 o'clock. Those in the Chicago area listen in. Let's all pray. The expense, including broadcast fee and transcriptions, runs to nearly \$80.00 a week. Will you have a part in supporting this gospel program?

### New England Tour

October 4-17 I will be in a tour of New England, under the auspices of the New England Fellowship. Those acquainted with the schedule of such tours will know to inquire when I will be in your area. Pray that God will stir revival fires in this country where so many preachers have broken their vows and are infidels instead of Christians, denying the Christ they pretend to preach. Oh, for a revival in New England!

### Chicagoans, Help

In the great conference on evangelism Thanksgiving week, November 21-28, at Chicago Gospel Tabernacle, sponsored by **THE SWORD OF THE LORD**, we want the cooperation of every Bible-believing church and pastor. Pastors, please announce the conference, bring large delegations of your people. Can you furnish beds for preachers who cannot afford hotel rooms? Write the editor, 214 West Wesley Street, Wheaton, Illinois.

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"Some big-hearted or Christian hearted man, gave me a six-months subscription to the **Sword of the Lord**, for which I am very grateful, for I really get some good sermons out of them. I first read two, one by Dr. Bob Jones and one by Dr. Appelman. I was running through the paper one night and discovered two of the **Sword of the Lords** that I had not seen and my eyes fell upon the subject, 'Not Speculation, but Soul Winning' and although it was well nigh 12:00 p. m. I could not quit till I had finished it. I read it to my wife. She had already laid down. We had just had a two-week protracted meeting at the First Church, in which they got 70 odd members and of course they thought it was a real revival, but I happened to know better, having been brought up in the hills, where they didn't know any better than take the Word of God at face value. Anyway, when I had finished reading the sermon, I said to my wife, who also knows the difference between a sermon on the gospel and a story telling essay or what not, that is the difference in a God-called man with a message and a man with a story. So much for that.

"Then I thought I would get, as the old negro saint said, 'the run' of Brother Appelman's sermon and I couldn't quit until I had finished with it.

"The idea was, my old soul was hungry and I got to eating and drinking and couldn't quit until I filled up. And I mean I got full, plum full. And last, but not least, I have just read one by you on 'Hell.' Thank you very much.

(Signed) "R. C. C."  
"Bainbridge, Georgia."

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I left the campus two days after the opening of school to fill speaking engagements in the city of St. Louis. My son preached on Friday night and

then again Sunday. I understand that all the students on the campus who were not professing Christians have accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as their Saviour and Lord. The registrar tells me that we have matriculated 134 more students than we had matriculated up to this time last year. They have managed to crowd these students in somewhere. It is so hard to turn students away, especially when they wish to train for full-time Christian work.

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## Books for a Minister's Library

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plication and lovely illustrations that would greatly enrich your ministry.

### 2. Books of Sermons

I think a young preacher would do especially well to have a few great books of sermons, particularly revival sermons. I suggest the following:

**Revival Sermons** by Dr. W. B. Riley. Temporarily out of print.

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**Soul-Winning Sermons** by R. A. Torrey.

**A Quest for Souls**, George W. Truett. Price, \$1.50.

If you desire some of my own books of sermons, I may humbly suggest that the following have been used of God to help many young preachers:

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You probably will not be able to buy all of these books at once, but I assure you that most of them are indispensable and you ought to set out systematically to get them as fast as you can and read them and re-read them until they become part of your life.

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## Confession and Absolution From Sin

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that he had no fears for his future. The old minister walked up more closely and peered into his face, and when he had finished, he mounted the same stump and said, "Ladies and gentlemen, but two days ago this same young man was bathing above the Niagara, and getting beyond his depth, was being carried down, and in passing I heard his cries. He was piteously pleading with God to deliver him, crying his prayers to Heaven as if he felt that God was so far off that he must needs lift up his voice that he might be heard. I left my horse and rushed into that stream at the risk of my life. I delivered him. Imagine my amazement, then, to hear his today defying the God with whom he piteously pled for salvation only two days ago."

The crying for mercy that is coerced from us in the hour of fear is not the confession to which our text refers, for it is rarely sincere. Jesus said, "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven."

**Confession must be made to God.** We search our New Testament in vain to find one sentence of Scripture confirming the Roman superstition of the confessional, where a priest shall listen to a narration of the sins of his fellows and shall grant them absolution. To me, one of the sad things of this century exists in the fact that High Church Episcopalians are rapidly returning to that same superstition, and in many of the churches of England and America, establishing the confessional. I do not blame the people who belong to the Roman Church, for they know no better. The Bible has been taken from them by these same pope-appointed priests, and they know not what God has said touching the relation of confession to salvation. Instead of God's Revelation, the Rubric is brought to the dying man, and from that the priest reads, "Our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath left power to His Church on behalf of the sinners who truly repent and believe in Him, of His great mercy forgive thee thine offenses, and by His authority committed to me, I absolve thee from all thy sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost."

Where is the word for it? I have read this Book through several times and I don't know that there is a passage in it from Genesis to Revelation that has committed any authority whatever to a Roman priest; and I have yet to find a solitary instance in which the authority to absolve from sins is committed to any mortal on the face of the earth. Search your Scripture.

In Isaiah I read, "To the law and to the testimony. If they speak not according to this Word, it is because there is no light in them" (8:20). Our text tells us to whom we shall confess—to God. God is not deaf that He cannot hear. God is not heartless that He cannot sympathize. God is not weak that He cannot save. If we confess our sins to Him, not to any mortal man, but to the eternal Father, "He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

### God Alone Can Grant Absolution

In our text He has promised to grant it, and there are many other texts that confirm this same promise. Read Isaiah 55:7, "Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon."

A prisoner was taken out to die, and as he rode along in the death-cart, his heart was heavy at the thought. No one of his friends could cheer him. But lo, his prince came riding up in hot haste, bearing a pardon for him,

and then the man opened up his eyes, and, as though he had risen from the dead, he returned to happy consciousness. The sight of his prince had chased all gloom away. He declared that he had never seen a fairer countenance in all his days; that no poetry should ever be dearer to his heart than those few lines of sovereign grace.

Charles Spurgeon, commenting upon this instance, says, "I remember well when I was in that death-cart and Jesus came to me with pardon; when I heard Him say, 'Thy sins which were many are all forgiven thee,' I was filled with joy. I thought I never saw such loveliness before, never heard words with such music in them. Eternity itself shall never disclose anything to me more sweet, and Jesus, who is near, will readily grant you this same boon, for 'if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins.'"

Cleanliness is also included.

"And to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." Forgiveness is good, but it is not enough! Pardon puts the past right. Mercy takes care of the old score, but we want to be cleansed, so that the future will be filled with life and light.

Some of you must have read Mrs. J. K. Barney's article on "A Man Without a Soul," in which she tells of that miner on the Pacific Coast whose fellows said that he never had had a soul. There was no crime in which he had not been stained, and when he was sick unto death his fellows refused to stay with him because they were afraid. Mrs. Barney visited him every day for a month, and every day he cursed her the more. By and by she thought to give it up, but in the night watches God impressed her to go again. Next morning she went again. Not having anyone with whom to leave her little girl, she took her along and left her outside while she went in to attend to the wants of the dying man. He met her with the same hard face and harsh words. But when he heard the child's voice, he asked that she might be brought in, and said with soft speech,

"I would like to see a little girl again."

When she came in, she passed him a flower and said, "Sick man, will you have a flower?"

He reached out his bony hand and laid it upon the plump hand of the girl, and then tears started for the first time and he began to talk. "I had a little girl once and she died, and I have hated everybody since then. I guess I would have been a better man if she had lived, but God took her and so I have hated Him and hated everybody."

"Well," said Mrs. Barney, "I have heard you curse your mother, and I have heard you curse the memory of your wife. Would you have cared to have your little girl grow up like you?"

He lay still for a moment and then he said, "Great God, I never thought of her being bad, but perhaps she might have been, and I am glad that she died."

Mrs. Barney said, "You loved her?"

"Yes."

"Well, she is waiting for you on the other shore, and beckoning you to come, and by the help of Christ you can."

"What do you do when you

want to talk to Christ?" he asked.

"I pray," said Mrs. Barney. "Won't you pray today?"

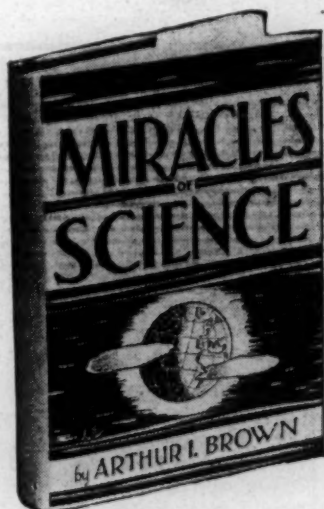
Prayer was answered. His soul was saved. He lived for a few weeks and then went over to the other side. But before he died, when the boys from the mine came in to see him, he used to say to them, "Boys, I want to tell you how I got my soul cleansed. This woman told me about the blood of Jesus that cleanseth from all sins. You know how the water runs down the sluice-box and carries away the dirt, and leaves the gold behind? Well, the blood of Jesus Christ has gone over me like that, and I shall see Mary by and by—my little girl, I mean; and I shall see that Man that shed His blood that by it I might be saved from all sin," and with these words on his lips, his soul went out. And Mrs. Barney said, "Friends, if God can save my poor Jack whose hands were stained with human blood, He can save you, if you will let Him, and His blood can make you clean."

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